

Mint of the U. S.

Jan. 30. 1839.

Sir,

I send, to day, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be forwarded to you under his frank; two boxes, each containing two pairs of dies, one of dimes, the other of half-dimes.

I wait anxiously for your remittances of the relieved Coins, as our annual assay takes place on the 11th proximo.

I learn from a letter received by one of our officers, from Mr. Spofford, that you have judged it necessary to discharge him from his place at your Mint. So far as I can understand the matter, from his own representations, you were quite justifiable in the course you have taken. It is true that our Clerk of the Mintage Room has the entire charge of the Treasurer's Vault both for bullion & coin; but if you, with assent of your Treasurer, ~~chose~~ to separate these duties, it was his duty to yield, and to do so without such an exhibition of feeling as could not fail to be offensive.

Yours

To

David Bradford, Esq. }
Supt. Pr. Mint,
New Orleans.

R. M. P.

Director.